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Per reftel, PolOff on June 2 demarched First Secretary Vasilis Philippou from the MFA's Multilateral Affairs division, encouraging the GoC to support the USG's preferred candidate for the Directorship General of the International Organization for Migration, Ambassador Bill Swing. Philippou responded June 4 that the GoC had decided instead to support "the European candidate," presumably Italian national Luca Riccardi, "as it is not possible at this time to support Swing." From his vague response, we inferred that Cyprus potentially might support the U.S.-preferred candidate later in the voting process.
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